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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Burt Olsson of Park Ridge, who passed away on August 26, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Burt Olsson was one of the founders of the Kalo Foundation, which was established in 2006 to preserve Park Ridge's art history and educate the public; he, along with others, visited Park Ridge third-graders and high school art students to speak to them about Park Ridge's art history, focusing on the hand-wrought silver works of the Kalo Shop, which created jewelry, bowls, utensils, crafts, and other items during the early 20th century; and

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WHEREAS, Burt Olsson's knowledge came from his father, Yngve Olsson, a Scandinavian immigrant who worked as a silversmith at the Kalo Shop's Chicago location; Yngve Olsson went on to become a co-owner of the Kalo Shop in 1959; the shop closed for good in 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Burt Olsson was also involved in the now defunct Park Ridge Gilbert and Sullivan Society, which staged operas by the Victorian-era team of W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan; and

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1 WHEREAS, Burt Olsson is survived by his wife, Iris; his
2 daughters, Lisa Heim, Sonia Hayden, and Kristina Zehren; and
3 his grandchildren, Benjiman, Rebecca, Michael, and Dylan;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Burt Olsson, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
8 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Burt Olsson as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.